



Call Sign Prefixes to Celebrate LARC 75th Anniversary

by Karl VE3RRP

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NEW PRESIDENT

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ was acclaimed as the new LARC President for 2009, our 75th year. Congratulations Randy.

75th Anniversary Crests

Please have your order in by the end of the Meeting January 8th. Order form attached.

More Special Prefixes

In recognition of the International Year of Astronomy, all Canadian radio amateurs are authorized to use the following call sign prefixes for the period from January 1 to February 28, 2009: Substitute CG for VE, CF for VA, CH for VO, and CI for VY.

NRC Short Wave Station Broadcasts (CHU) CHU Time Service

One of the transmitters of the shortwave service, CHU, will be changing frequency on January 1, 2009. The 7335 kHz transmitter will be moving to 7850 kHz. For more information check the INMS communique. The program will remain the same, with the announcements of time with the voice and digital data. The frequency of the carrier is still synchronized to an atomic frequency standard and can be used as a new reference frequency.

Note: A leap second will be added at the end of December 2008. For more information consult the Leap Seconds. This will be indicated in the digital code until the time of the leap second. DUT1 will go from -0.6 to +0.4 seconds. This will be indicated by double tones near the start of the minute and in the broadcast code.

http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/common_files/stories/chu/communique_e.pdf

New RAC ARES Operations Training Manual

The recently introduced RAC ARES Operations Training Manual has met with widespread approval from the Amateur Radio community and is even being requested by Emcomm groups in other countries. Plans are that it will be printed in a handy and portable hard copy form early in 2009. The editor, RAC National Training Coordinator David Drinnan, VE9FK, is making further updates for inclusion in the manual. It will continue to be available for downloading, free of charge at www.rac.ca/fieldorg/RACARESTrainingManual.htm

LARC SENATE

Keith Fiske VE3JQ
 Pat Doherty VE3PD
 Dave Kimpton VE3AVS
 Laurie Bridgett VE3BCD
 Terry Stewardson VA3LU
 Ed Baumann VE3SNW

ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

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Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report

Balance on Hand - December 3, 2008 \$6,601.28

Income

Memberships	\$70.00
50/50 Draw	\$8.00
Bank Interest	\$0.05
Total Income	\$78.05

Expenses

Thunder Bay Telephone	\$47.61
Bank Service Charges	\$1.50
Slovak Legion -	
Deposit for annual Dinner	\$80.00
Total Expenses	\$129.11

Balance on Hand - December 31, 2008 \$6,550.22

Joe Coghlan - VE3TBX
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LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 145.490 (-600) (100.0 Hz)

442.075 (+5 MHz)

144.390 APRS

VE3BGA (Hillcrest H.S.) 145.450 (-600) (IRLP Node VA3LU 123.0 Hz)

442.825 (+5 MHz) (100.0 Hz)

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Minutes for the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Date: December 11, 2008

Vice President, Bob Hansen VE3RVA Presiding.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Coghlan VE3TBX moved to accept the report as printed in the November Hi-Q. Seconded by Randy Gottfred VA3OJ. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the November meeting's minutes as printed in the December issue of Hi-Q. Seconded by Pat Doherty VE3PD. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business:

Ham Classes:

Bill Unger reports that the classes are being advertised in the Key on page 29. The classes run Thursdays from January 29th to March 26th, 7 to 10 PM and will cost \$50.00.

Doug McCormack VE3EFC has reserved the Waverly Library room for an Information Night about ham radio on Tuesday January 13, from 7 PM to 8:45. His company is covering the cost of advertising in the Chronicle Journal. Doug has arranged for cable channel 10 to publicize the night and the ham classes. Karl Hamilton will submit the info to the TBSource.com and Chronicle Journal online listings for non-profit organizations.

Public Service:

ARES:

The Santa Claus Parade reportedly went well. Mervin Halvorsen VE3TSA thanked the club on behalf of the Salvation Army, for the club's involvement in supplying communications for the Santa Shuffle – a 5 km run at Boulevard Lake on December 6th.

Trillium Exercise

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ thanked all the ARES members that checked in and participated during the exercise. Randy reported that the HF frequencies died later in the evening, forcing the active stations to use the IRLP links and reflector to communicate between

EMO in NW ON, Thunder Bay, and Toronto. He said that it was a productive learning experience for everyone.

RAC Membership

Bill Unger VE3XT, talked to the membership about the benefits of membership in ham radio's National Organization. How new frequencies were being negotiated, and how our voice was being heard. He urged all LARC members to renew their memberships to, or join, as the case may be, Radio Amateurs of Canada. (www.rac.ca)

Sibley Ski Tour has been renamed to "The Sleeping Giant Loppit" and is coming up on March 7, 2009.

Repeaters

Club repeaters are reported to be functioning normally with no issues.

ARES Vests

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ reported that progress was being made in ordering vests. Quotes were being requested.

CanWarn:

No severe weather for the period.

75th Anniversary Committee

Call Sign Prefixes

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP reported that the club has secured approval for the use of special Call sign prefixes from April 1 to April 30th. Only licensed Ontario amateurs who are LARC members may use VB3 if they are a VA3, or VC3 if they are a VE3 in April. Operating Award – Worked Thunder Bay Moved by Randy Gottfred VA3OJ and seconded by Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG, that Bill Unger VE3XT will set operating frequencies and publicize through media releases to the major ham radio magazines, the "Worked Thunder Bay" Award, which will be focused on operating VC3FW April 18th and 19th from 9 AM to 9 PM local time. Extra money above expenses generated by the award will be donated to charity. Passed unanimously.

It was noted that all club members can use the special prefixes on their own call and generate more contacts

that are eligible for the award throughout the month of April.

75 Anniversary Crests

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP reported receiving quotes for 4 inch crests and recommended that the club order 300. Consensus at the meeting suggested taking orders and payments for the crests and then ordering what was required. Karl volunteered to create the order form. The membership also requested the years 1934-2009 be on the crest.

Annual Dinner:

The annual dinner will be held on April 17th, which is the anniversary of the very first club meeting! It will be held at the Slovak, for \$30 a ticket, buffet style. Bob Hansen VE3RVA will have tickets available at the January club meeting. The 75th Anniversary Committee will look after the program and display.

New Business

Election of President

There was a call for nominations for president from the floor. Joe Coghlan VE3TBX nominated Randy Gottfred VA3OJ, and Bill Unger VE3XT seconded the nomination.

Randy accepted his nomination. Other nominations for president were invited but none were forthcoming.

It was declared that Randy Gottfred, VA3OJ became president by acclamation.

Declaration of Open Antenna Season

Bill Unger VE3XT, begged our flagging attention, and then used a vocabulary worthy of the scholar and statesman that he truly is, to describe those heavenly influences that warm the hearts of DX chasers (and those of mere mortals!) before blowing the Traditional Horn marking the Commencement of Antenna Season! (Gentlemen: start your tuners!)

50/50 Draw winner: Joe Coghlan VE3TBX

Adjournment moved by Mike Nawrocki VE3ZG

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 8TH, 2009

75th Anniversary Minutes December 4, 2008

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Crests

Quotes were received for 3 inch embroidered crests, the committee is planning to use the current logo design and add the words "75 Years of Public Service."

Annual Dinner

The committee decided to take on the annual dinner and hold it in April, the anniversary month. Bob VE3RVA reported on his efforts on pricing venues and caterers. It was decided to hold a buffet style dinner at the Slovak on April 17th (the date of the very first club meeting!) for \$30.00 per person. Bob VE3RVA will organize the meal and the tickets. The committee will look after speakers, and display.

There was discussion on getting an historian to talk for about half an hour about what life was like in 1934. Invitations should go to other clubs (i.e. Atikokan, Grand Marais) to attend, also to the City Mayor.

The rest of the talk/display should be about past people of LARC and what they did.

Randy mentioned he has a 1930s receiver for display.

Corn Roast in September

A corn roast is being planned for September.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday January 6th, 2009

January 2009

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			Coffee meet at Boston Arthur Street location			
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Anniv. meeting	7	8 LARC Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 Ham Info Night	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Ham Classes Start	30	31 submit material for HI-Q	Next meeting February 12th.

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club 75th Anniversary Crest

We are taking orders and payments for the 75th anniversary crests. Last date for orders will be at the January club meeting on January 8th, 2009. We suggest mailing in your order before this time (in case you cannot make the meeting) with a cheque payable to the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club. The crest is 4 inches in diameter. This image is representational of what the crest will be like.

Name: _____
Call: _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____



I would like _____ crests @ \$4.00 = _____

The number of crests that we will get, will be determined by the orders received by January 8th.

Please send your cheque and this form to:

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